

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) An osteogenesis promoter containing β -cryptoxanthin as an active ingredient.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The osteogenesis promoter of claim 2, wherein the β -cryptoxanthin ~~containing composition is obtained by treating~~ extracted from Satsuma orange.
4. (Currently amended) A composition useful in the treatment or prevention of ~~preventative / remedy for~~ bone diseases, containing β -cryptoxanthin as an active ingredient.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) The composition ~~preventative / remedy for bone diseases~~ ~~according to any of claims 4 to 6~~, wherein the bone disease is osteoporosis.
8. (Currently amended) A ~~Functional foods or food materials~~ for preventing or treating bone diseases, which contains or has been enriched in β -cryptoxanthin.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A method of screening an active ingredient for promoting osteogenesis or preventing or treating bone diseases, wherein β -cryptoxanthin is used as the lead compound.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) An osteogenesis promoter or a preventative or remedy for bone diseases, containing β -cryptoxanthin obtained by the screening method according to claim 15-~~or 16 as the lead compound.~~

18. (Canceled).